

Rides of Summer

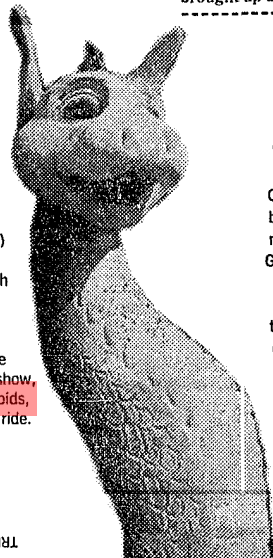
Ready or not, summer's coming, and theme parks within riding distance of Washington are ready too, with new attractions:

***At Paramount's Kings Dominion** (Doswell, Va.), "Wayne's World" brings the movie and TV skits to life, with Wayne's Basement Studio; an Aurora, Ill., streetscape; and—hang onto your lunch—the Hurler, a roller coaster.

***At Busch Gardens** (Williamsburg), "Land of the Dragons" has kids' rides, activities and Humphrey the dragon in his treehouse; and laser and ice shows at the Royal Palace Theatre.

***At Hersheypark** (Hershey, Pa.), Tidal Force, billed as the world's "tallest, wettest splashdown ride," plunges riders 100 feet into more than 200,000 gallons of water.

***Adventure World**—formerly Wild World—**Theme Park** (Largo) opens May 21. New this year, with opening dates still to be set, will be "Coyote Creek," a Wild West theme area with a stunt show, and Renegade Rapids, a white-water raft ride.



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Busch Gardens' Humphrey the dragon.

SKY Bumping

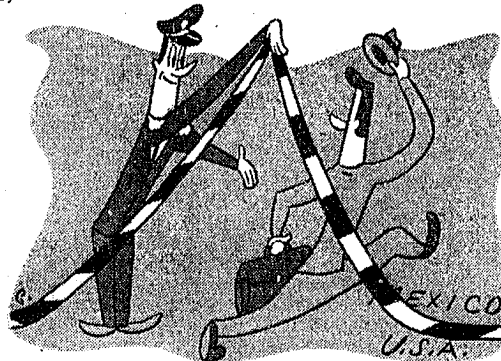
Things that go bump in the air? You're now more likely to be one of them, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's latest annual statistics, which show a rise in the "involuntary denied boarding" rate. In 1993, bumps were 1.13 per 10,000 passengers (with 50,840 losing their seats), up from 1.03 in 1992 (when 45,732 passengers got the boot). The statistics include all oversold domestic flights and U.S.-origin international flight segments, excluding shuttles (with no reserved seating). Of the major U.S. airlines, American and United had the lowest '93 bump rates—only .36 per 10,000 passengers, followed by USAir (.68) and Delta (.73), Northwest (1.21), TWA (1.58) and Continental (1.69). America West, with 2.10, and Southwest Airlines, at 3.18, brought up the rear.

Consumer Reports Travel

When you're buying a big-ticket item, like a fridge or a car, you consult Consumer Reports. So before spending big bucks on a vacation, check out the new "Consumer Reports Travel Buying Guide 1994." Subtitled "How to get big discounts on air fares, hotels, car rentals and more," the annual guide tells you what's a real discount. It also evaluates brand-name travel services, comparing features and prices, and lists sources for travel bargains. Available at local bookstores, the guide is \$8.99.

WORLDWIDE

By BARBARA ANN CURCIO



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The Mexican Business

Business as usual in Mexico? Thanks to NAFTA, you no longer need a visa—if you're a U.S. or Canadian business traveler staying not more than 30 days. New business travel cards—available at border crossings or in advance, free, from Mexican consulates, airlines and travel agents—are similar to the tourist cards the government issues. They must be presented at points of entry with proof of citizenship—a valid passport, birth or naturalization certificate. Information: 202-736-1000.

Shore Thing

A shore bet for some good music this summer is the fifth annual Cape May Music Festival, next Sunday through June 26, in Cape May, N.J. In a historic Victorian setting, catch soloists and chamber music, jazz, flamenco and opera—including pianist Ursula Oppens, the Baltimore Consort, the Gary Burton Quartet and more. Tickets to the festival are \$12 for adults, \$10 for those 65 and over and \$6 for students; multi-concert flex passes are also available. Information and tickets: 609-884-5404.

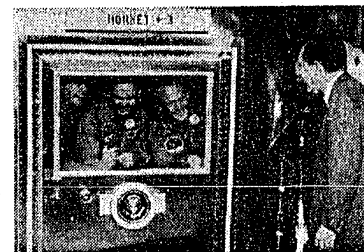


The Carlota Santana Dance Company appears June 12 at the Cape May Music Festival.

Time and Space

A little space, please, to remember the 25th anniversary of the moon landing and the Apollo space program. "Celebration 25: Man on the Moon," at Space Center Houston, has special anniversary attractions through Labor Day. "Spaceweek," July 16-24, features astronaut appearances and more; a "Lunar Laser Spectacular" re-creates the moon landing; and a NASA Preview Center displays the cutting edge. The center is 22 miles from Houston at Johnson Space Center. Information: 800-972-0369.

Spaceport USA at Kennedy Space Center, Fla., has its own Space Week, July 16-24; call 407-452-2121. And the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., has an exhibit of Apollo artifacts through November; call 205-837-3400.



President Nixon greets the Apollo 11 astronauts after their splashdown on July 24, 1969.

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